

REMARKS**Statement of Substance of the Interview**

An Interview Summary, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 22, 2004, provided Examiner Winston's summary of the in-person interview conducted on December 14, 2004 between Examiners Coe and Winston, Sudhir V. Shah, M.D., the Applicant, and N. Scott Pierce and Mary K. Murray, Ph.D., Applicant's Attorneys.

The substance of the interview concerned a Reply, filed November 1, 2004, in response to an Office Action mailed May 5, 2004 and a prior November 17, 2004 interview at the Patent Office with Examiner Winston. All of the pending claims were discussed.

Examiners Coe and Winston, Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys discussed the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs. In particular, Applicant and Applicant's Attorneys directed Examiners Coe and Winston to portions of the specification that provided guidance and working examples for a method for diagnosing a kidney disease in a human by measuring catalytic iron in a urine sample obtained from a human so that a person of skill in the art can make and use Applicant's claimed invention without undue experimentation. Examiner Coe agreed that Applicant's specification provided an adequate number of working examples for a method of diagnosing kidney disease. Examiners Coe and Winston stated that they would consider Applicant's additional arguments.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims under consideration.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to call Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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